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SUBJECT: PNP ORGANIZATIONS RALLY TO SUPPORT THE PRIME MINISTER;
JLP URGES HIM TO QUIT OVER GREEN BAY

REFERENCE: KINGSTON 4421

1. PNP SUPPORTERS OF PRIME MINISTER MANLEY RALLIED QUICKLY TO HIS SUPPORT AFTER THE DAILY GLEANER'S STORY CLAIMING THAT HAD THE PARTY'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET AS SCHEDULED ON MAY 28 THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN CALLS FOR HIM TO RESIGN AS HEAD OF THE PARTY AND AS PRIME MINISTER (REFTEL). PNP MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ISSUED A STATEMENT REPUDIATING THE GLEANER STORY AS "TOTALLY FALSE AND ENTIRELY SPECULATIVE". THE MPS REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MANLEY AND CASTIGATED THE GLEANER ARTICLE AS ONE OF A SERIES DESIGNED TO DISCREDIT PNP LEADERSHIP AND DAMAGE THE PARTY'S UNITY. LOCAL PNP GROUPS IN THE KINGSTON AREA AND THE PNP WOMEN'S MOVEMENT ALSO CONDEMNED THE REPORT AND REITERATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR MANLEY.

2. ON MAY 31 THE JLP PARTY CHAIRMAN FRANK PHIPPS ISSUED
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A STATEMENT CALLING ON THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF DEFENCE, TO "RESIGN IMMEDIATELY". THIS DEMAND WAS BASED ON WHAT THE JLP CALLED A LEGAL OPINION CLAIMING THAT IT WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL FOR MANLEY TO HAVE GIVEN THE JDF CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH THE GREEN BAY OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT.

3. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, THE OPPOSITION IS ATTACKING ON
ALL FRONTS, AS THEY FEEL THE GOVERNMENT IS HIGHLY
VULNERABLE BECAUSE OF THE DETERIORATING ECONOMIC SITUATION.
OPPOSITION MANEUVERS IN THIS DIRECTION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY
INCREASE IN STRIDENCY AND IN QUANTITY IN THE COMING
WEEKS.
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